GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DISPOSAL OF HOSPITAL WASTES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any standard rules/guidelines to deal with the problem of disposal of the hospital wastes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these rules are being strictly followed by the Government and private hospitals in the country including Delhi;

(d) whether cases of violation of rules relating to disposal of hospital wastes have come to the notice of the Government in various States during the last three years and the current year;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) the action proposed to be taken thereon specifically in respect of Delhi and West Bengal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)to(f) Ministry of Environment and Forests have notified the Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 on 20th July, 1998 which provide for regulation of generation, collection, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of bio-medical waste. These rules apply to all persons who generate, collect, receive store, transport, treat, dispose or handle bio-medical waste in any form. In accordance with the rules, every occupier wherever required has to set up requisite bio-medical waste treatment facilities like incinerator, autoclave, microwave system for the treatment of waste, or ensure requisite treatment of waste at a common waste treatment facility or any other waste treatment facility in accordance with the time schedule given in Schedule VI of the Rules.The earliest date prescribed for waste management facilities is 30th June, 2000 or earlier for hospitals and nursing homes in towns with population of 30 lakhs and above and for hospitals and nursing homes with 500 beds and above in towns with population of below 30 lakhs.